

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-05 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00  
DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-01 ICA-11 /062 W  
-----009423 031309Z /53

R 031003Z JUL 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7097  
INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
AMCONSUL UDORN  
AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
CINCPACHONOLULU

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SREF, LA  
SUBJECT: LAOTIAN GENERAL DEFECTS

1. BANGKOK POST JULY 3 REPORTED THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE  
PATHET LAO SPECIAL BRANCH POLICE, MAJOR-GENERAL KHAMLAO  
VIRAVUTH, HIS SON VIRAWAT AND SON-IN-LAW THAO PHOWONG SRISAWAS  
FLED TO THAILAND FROM LAOS JULY 2. ACCORDING TO THE POST,  
GENERAL KHAMLAO IS THE HIGHEST RANKING DEFECTOR FROM LAOS  
SINCE THE PATHET LAO TOOK CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT. HE IS  
SAID TO HAVE BROUGHT IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS WITH HIM.  
KHAMLAO REPORTEDLY TOLD THE POST THAT HE "COULD NO LONGER  
STAND THE HARSH CONDITIONS UNDER THE PRESENT REGIME."

2. WE ARE LOOKING INTO THIS STORY.  
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## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
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